GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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Development of Puranic Chakra Teerth
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government develops the world renowned pilgrimages in the country as tourist sites and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government also intends to announce the world famous Puranic Chakra Teerth at Naimisharanya situated in Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh as a tourist site;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the time by which it is likely to be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism has launched a new Plan Scheme 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive' (PRASAD) in the year 2014-15 for development and beautification of pilgrimage sites of the country. State-wise list of 13 pilgrimage sites so far identified for development and beautification under the scheme is given below:
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Sl. No Name of the Site Name of the State
1. Amaravati Andhra Pradesh
2. Kamakhya Assam
3. Gaya Bihar
4. Patna -do-
5. Dwarka Gujarat
6. Puri Odisha
7. Amritsar Punjab
8. Ajmer Rajasthan
9. Kanchipuram Tamil Nadu
10. Vellankanni -do-
11. Kedarnath Uttarakhand
12. Mathura Uttar Pradesh
13. Varanasi -do-
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Identification of more destinations under the scheme is a continuous process, subject to availability of resources and adherence to scheme guidelines.

Ministry of Tourism has launched another Plan Scheme "Swadesh Darshan" in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based circuits. Under Swadesh Darshan twelve thematic circuits have been identified, including four religious/spiritual thematic circuits i.e. Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit.

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